

REMARKS

Claims 12-33 presently appear in this case. No claims have yet been examined on the merits. This amendment is being made to place the case into better condition for examination.

Please take notice that support for new claims 14-16 may be found on page 2, lines 6-10, of the application as filed.

In general, support for new claims 17-33 can be found throughout the specification, especially on pages 23-27.. Particular support for each claim is as follows, *inter alia*:

For claim 17 (*targets mRNA*), support can be found on page 23, line 23, page 24, line 11, and page 26, line 11, *inter alia*.

For claim 18, support for *prevents processing, splicing, transport or translation of the mRNA* can be found in the paragraph bridging pages 23 and 24.

For claim 19, support for *wherein the targeting results in mRNA degradation* can be found on page 24, lines 2-4.

For claims 24 and 25, support can be found on pages 23-27.

For claims 26 and 30, support can be found in claim 13 as filed and on page 2, lines 6-10.

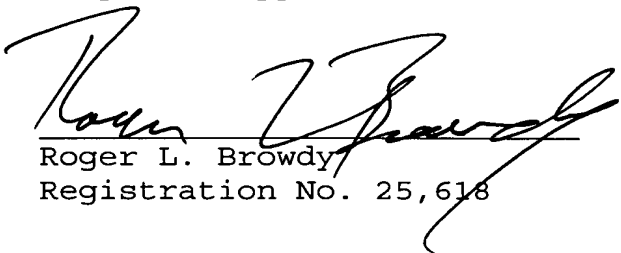
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For claims 27-29 and 31-33, support can be found on
page 2, lines 6-10.

Entry, consideration and allowance of all of the
present claims are therefore earnestly solicited.

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